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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.143
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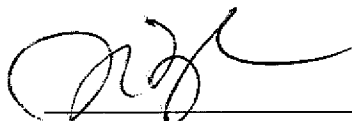
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2008, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 2 and 4-28, drawn to methods of characterizing and isolating a population of cells, classified in class 435, subclass 7.23. Applicants further elect CD45 as the dendritic cell immunogen species and CD34 as the non-dendritic cell immunogen species for examination.

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